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MINUTES

Pre-School Conference

September 6, 1963

Devotional:

Opening prayer: Jim Wilson. Two songs: Tom Kirk. Scripture reading: Bob Brewer. Closing prayer: Roger Johnson.

JOEL: New Student Orientation is a very big and important question. It is a chance for us to do something really significant. (There followed a discussion of the purpose and necessity of orientation along with the problems and possible solutions to the problems of the new student--see outline appended.) Officers are to meet tonight with a faculty committee to discuss this question.

FIRST WEEK ACTIVITIES:

Russ Simmons has said that they are making pictures of new students for I.D. cards. We are supposed to supply two people to print names.

Things to be done for the first week:

I. Signs to be made

To point way to church building

In student Center to tell arriving new students where to go

In the dorm suggesting they go to the SA booth for information

At the booth saying "Information"

With the times of worship services

II. Freshman mixers

Have them in the Emerald Room with signs telling participants where to go and what to do. The president will make a brief speech. We need to utilize the space in the Emerald Room more effectively, and the furniture could also be arranged better. Someone should check the master list of students^s

and count the number of freshmen so that letters of the alphabet can be juggled appropriately. It would be effective to have name tags given out at the door.

(Joel remarked at this point that we need to make students more aware of places to obtain information--such as the bulletin board.)

III. Booth

Move under the ledge of the student center. We will use the banner from last year. We also need people who can print legibly and several pens with broad points.

IV. Refreshments in the registration line:

Serve punch. The faculty and workers should be included. And advertising should be adequate enough to let people know that it is a service of the SA.

V. Watermelon Feed:

We could have it at the football field--better lighting and easier communication. The college quartet will sing. Pep rally. As much faculty participation as possible. Get late permission if necessary and possible.

(Mary Ellen said at this point that she had talked with several football boys who felt that the Chili Supper at the College Park was ineffective because most of the students left before the Pep rally. They would be less likely to do this at Bee Rock.)

VI. Picking up people at the bus and train stations

We need more boys and more cars when the rush starts. This used to be a service of Circle K, but in past years the SA has taken care of it. We will do so again this

year, due to a misunderstanding of Joel by Randy Robinette, Circle K president. The members of this organization should be among the first who are asked to help, however.

PHIL STURM, BISON EDITOR:

There will be a special issue of the Bison devoted entirely to the SA with pictures and features on the officers. Joel and Phil will both write editorials and first week activities will be outlined. Feature articles on other members of the SA will be in later issues of the BISON.

BOB:

There has been some talk of a reception for new faculty members given by the executive council. (The general opinion of the council was favorable to this idea.)

CHRISTIAN COLLEGE CONFERENCE:

JOEL: Related conversation with Tommy Buffaloe (See memo #3 of July 20, 1963) The Christian College Conference is at ACC this year, and they are trying for 100% participation. The administration at Harding is not very enthusiastic about it. The first of such conferences was here when Bill Eloyd was SA president.

He then outlined his correspondence with Dr. Benson on the subject. Dr. Benson (Letter of August 20, 1963) stated that he was opposed to such conferences because students who attended them came back with radical and liberal ideas. In a meeting of several Christian college presidents it was decided that there would be no more such conference but Dr. Morris of Abilene had changed his mind. Joel's reply (Aug. 21) to Dr. Benson assured him that we would be very careful in our consideration of the matter and pointed out that the members of the council were people of sound judgement who would not

be prone to pick up radical and liberal ideas. Joel established from Dr. Benson's reply (Aug. 26) that he had accomplished two things with his letter: first, the door to the conference is still open; second, Dr. Benson has a great deal of respect for this year's council. Dr. Gilliam saw Dr. Benson a few days after he had received Joel's letter and found that Dr. Benson appreciated Joel's letter very much rather than being displeased with it.

ROGER: What is the purpose of this conference?

TOM: From reading the minutes, it is for a sharing of ideas-- it sounds like a very worthwhile thing.

ROB: Talked with the president of SA at ACC this summer. They are trying to correct the abuses of the past which Dr. Benson spoke of. They will not discuss college rules but will deal with problems which are peculiar to the activities of the Student Association

JIM WILSON: There was a resolution about integration which probably is one that antagonized Dr. Benson.

ROB: What are their plans?

JOEL: They haven't made very many specific plans yet--still waiting to hear. One of the things we need to consider is the cost of transportation. And we do need to recognize that some conferences are a waste of time.

ROGER: How would attending this conference benefit us?

JOEL: Read the following.

Date: October 10-12

Theme: "The distinctive College" or "The Distinctive Education"

Objectives:

1. to have every Christian College represented

2. To get the student leaders to realize better the rule of the Christian College
3. To, therefore, build more interest, stronger loyalty, and more binding ties to the Christian Colleges
4. To build good relations between the students of the various colleges

TOM: Is there anything that we could gain there that we could not obtain from their minutes.

JIMMY A: It wouldn't be quite fair, though, to get the benefit of their ideas without supporting the conference.

JOEL: And the things that we want to know might not be asked.

BOB: Even if the attendance is low, the conference could still be worthwhile.

JIMMY A: We could bring up the idea about an all-Christian College devotional.

JOEL: We could also discuss the problems of various offices.

JIMMY A: We also need to dispell wrong ideas about Harding; this would be a good opportunity.

And we could talk about our problem of unopposed elections.

JOEL: Dr. Benson looks at the total program here and, therefore, doesn't see much good in the conference. He doesn't realize how the SA specifically could benefit. There was one year that they talked about integration and ACC's social regulations. If we decide that we would like to attend this year, there will have to be a very carefully written report on our reasons submitted to him.

JIM WILSON: What was the cost of sending delegates to ACC,

as was done one year?

BOB: One year there was \$100 allocated for the purpose of conference attendance.

JIM WILSON: Four people went to ACC the year it was held there.

BOB: In 59-60 the \$100 was allowed; Gerald Ebker flew to Pepperdine. Back to the Homecoming question:

Bob wanted to ask Loverd, who was absent for the homecoming discussion, how the football players would feel if we did away with the homecoming parade.

LOVERD: The football players want some kind of activity, but the coach doesn't like too much participation on the part of the football boys.

BOB: Someone said that the Crowning ceremony distracted the players' minds from the game; is that true.

LOVERD: No, not any more than the cheerleaders.

1:00 Meeting

Votes on the SNEA request and the cheerleaders' sweaters were schedules for this time.

SNEA REQUEST:

Discussion:

JIMMY ARNOLD: Felt that we could not give approval to such a vague request or set a precedent for the giving of funds to such organizations.

The Vote:

JIM WILSON: NO

LINDA LEE: NO

GLENDY YATES: NO

BOB BREWER: NO

(Vote on SNEA request continued)

LOVERD PEACOCK: NO

JANIE MILLER: NO

MARY ETHEL BALES: NO

TOM KIRK: NO

ROB SMITH: NO

CHEERLEADERS' SWEATERS:

Discussion:

METHEL: We could buy them, but it is not our place to do so.

LINDA: It is more in the realm of the athletic department or the Bison Boosters.

ROB: ~~What about letting the cheerleaders buy their own sweaters?~~

JOEL: They do render a service which justifies their being given sweaters.

TOM: The athletic department won't buy the sweaters, and the Bison Boosters are broke. We have the money to do it; the question is, will we?

LINDA: The Bison Boosters wouldn't have to pay for them immediately, would they?

JOEL: They are a big enough organization to swing it.

JIMMY ARNOLD: We need to set some sort of a precedent. We didn't intend to pay for them last year but were shanghied into it.

JOEL: There might be some civic organizations such as the Searcy Booster Club which would be willing to buy the sweaters.

MARY ELLEN: But the Bison Boosters are working in the red.

ROGER: Why couldn't we do as Joel suggested and pay for the sweaters this year with the recommendation that the Bison Boosters do so next year?

JOEL: We can't bind next year's council. If we did say that the SA would not buy the sweaters in the future, the athletic department could make plans accordingly. And if the Bison Boosters have enough members with \$2.00 dues they should be able to finance such a project.

GLENDA: Buying the cheerleader's sweaters would be a logical annual project for the Bison Boosters.

BOB: In our decision we could say that we thought the Bison Boosters should buy the sweaters and then pay for them if the Bison Boosters said they just absolutely could not.

JANIE: Just how much are the Bison Boosters in debt?

LINDA: And why haven't they been able to see the ribbons?

JOEL: Promotion

(There was a temporary recess at this point while Bob went to the Business Office to check on the financial troubles of the Bison Boosters. During this time Joel gave assignments for the afternoon. As each one finished his assignment, he was to come back to the office and help with the posters. The assignments were as follows:

Posters: Linda Lee, Mary Ellen Baskin, and Bob Brewer (to get money)

Bus & Train Schedules: Rob Smith

Information Booth: Roger Johnson

Mixers: Mary Ethel Bales, Glenda Yates

Registration Line: Jim Wilson (to consult Leighton Waters)

Watermelon Feed: Tom Kirk, Bob Brewer

BISON Issue: Jimmy Arnold

Voice Classification: Tom Kirk

(When Bob returned, the discussion of the cheerleaders' sweaters was resumed.)

BOB: The Bison Boosters are \$63 in debt.

JOEL: There are at the moment three possible sources of income to pay for the sweaters: the athletic department, which we already know will not; the Bison Boosters; and ourselves.

METHEL: It would set a dangerous precedent if we did it again.

JIMMY A: They can make a lot of money from those ribbons.

JANIE: This year would be the third year that we have bought sweaters, even though we didn't plan to do so last year. We could get into a rut that would become increasingly hard to crawl out of.

JOEL: We need to be concerned about the effect it could have if we refuse.

MARY ELLEN: We could ask the Bison Boosters to do it this year and strongly recommend that the athletic department assume the responsibility for other years. Bison Boosters are too unstable for cheerleaders to depend on.

JIM WILSON: It is more a responsibility of the athletic department than of the Bison Boosters.

MARY ETHEL: How about the PEMM Club?

ROB: No, that is not in their realm.

The Vote:

JIM WILSON	NO	LINDA LEE	NO
GLENDA YATES	NO	BOB BREWER	NO
LOVERD PEACOCK	NO	JANIE MILLER	NO
MARY ETHEL BALES	NO	TOM KIRK	YES
ROB SMITH	NO		

ORIENTATION

- I. What is the purpose of new student orientation?
 - A. Is it necessary ~~mm~~ or just desirable?
 - B. What is its impact on the school year, total program?
- II. Problems of new students
 - A. Emotional
 - 1. never been away from home
 - 2. religious problems (not member of church of Christ)
 - 3. pressure to do well
 - 4. health problems
 - 5. did not want to come
 - 6. love problems
 - 7. homesickness
 - 8. insecurity
 - B. Environmental
 - 1. don't know anyone
 - 2. dissatisfaction with room arrangement
 - 3. unfamiliar with campus
 - 4. don't know anyone (repetition?)
 - 5. no idea about major
 - 6. don't understand schedule
 - 7. financial problems
 - 8. don't know what to do on arrival
 - 9. too much hurry, hurry, hurry first week
- III. Recall specific problems you had as a new student
- IV. How pick out and help isolates
- V. What solutions can you offer to these problems
- VI. Suggested solutions ~~mf~~ or aids for some of problems
 - A. More and/or better pre-school information
 - B. Use of more orientation films
 - C. Speeches by faculty and students the first week
 - D. Buddy system for boys (cf. big sisters)
 - E. "hello book"
 - F. S.A. and Circle K
 - G. More and better faculty counseling
 - H. More information on town of Searcy
- VIII. A full-fledged orientation program could include more information on the following
 - A. Social rules
 - B. Social clubs
 - C. Dorm rules
 - D. School paper
 - E. Student Association
 - F. Counseling and registration

Please study this carefully and be ready for a discussion on the orientation question.

You may want to add to this outline.

Note particularly numbers III and V.